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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application where claims 1-3 are amended and new claims 4 - 8 are presented.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections under 35 USC 103 based upon the proposed combination of Mori and Chen.

Claim 1 includes the primary on an elevator car and power is transferred to the secondary, which is supported on a stationary structure. Such an arrangement provides power transfer in an opposite mode of operation compared to the Mori reference. The Mori reference cannot be modified to be consistent with the Applicants' claim 1 because that would change the principle of operation intended by Mori or completely interfere with intended function of Mori's arrangement. The Mori reference includes providing power to a motor supported on a counterweight. That requires transferring power from a stationary structure to the structure supported on the counterweight. If one were to change the direction of power transfer in Mori, then the motor on the counterweight would no longer receive power and Mori's elevator system would no longer work. Such a modification would be in violation of MPEP 2143.01(V) and (VI). Therefore, the Mori reference cannot be modified to be consistent with Applicants' claim 1 and there is no prima facie case of obviousness against any of claims 1-5.

There is no prima facie case of obviousness against any of claims 6-8 because there is nothing in the Mori reference, the Chen reference or the proposed combination that in any way indicates that a hall fixture receives power from a secondary. There is no permissible way to modify the Mori reference to be consistent with Applicants' claim 6

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for the same reasons given above. That is, the Mori reference requires power transfer to the motor on the counterweight for that elevator system to work. Changing that arrangement so that power is transferred to a hall fixture would direct the energy away from the motor required for elevator system operation. As explained above, such a modification of the Mori reference cannot be made.

There is no prima facie case of obviousness against any of Applicants' claims. All claims should be allowed.

Applicant believes that no fees are due. The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account number 50-1482 in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds for any amount that may be due or to credit the account for any overpayment.

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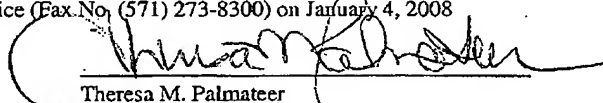
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